

MUSCATINE POLICE DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator

FROM: Phil Sargent – Assistant Chief of Police

SUBJECT: City Council Agenda Item for September 20, 2012 – Vehicle Purchase

DATE: September 11, 2012

INTRODUCTION:

We are requesting City Council authorization to purchase a used 2011 Ford Fusion SE from Uptown Motors for \$14,000.00. This car has 40,300 miles on it. The purchase price includes trading in the 1997 Chevrolet Lumina and the 1999 Buick Century.

BACKGROUND:

During the budget preparation process the department asked for three (3) used vehicles to replace cars currently in use by the Detectives and Administration. We intended to trade in the cars currently in use by these officers. The City Council allocated \$15,000.00 for the purchase of one (1) used vehicle.

We will be trading in two old vehicles (1999 Buick Century 110,000 miles and a 1997 Chevy Lumina 121,000 miles) towards the purchase of the new used vehicle. Both vehicles are long past due to be traded off.

We also got two other quotes for a similar car. One was a 2011 Impala with 41,000 miles for \$15,000.00 from Krieger's Motors and a 2011 Toyota with 41,000 miles for \$13,800.00 from Muski Motors.

The choice of the Ford over the Toyota is due to lower miles plus Public Works is much better equipped to work on US made vehicles and asked that we stay away from foreign manufactured vehicles if at all possible.

RECOMMENDATION/RATIONALE:

It is our recommendation that the City Council authorize the Police Department to purchase the 2011 Ford Fusion from Uptown Motors for the amount of \$14,000.00.